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Kidnapping

The El Dorado County Superior Court on Monday set Phillip Garrido's bail at \$30 million, while the district attorney overseeing the case pleaded with the media to leave Jaycee Dugard alone. See the full story at TJCNewspaper.com.



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Easy Traveling

A couple of websites provide information on to would be travelers on where to go, how to get there on a tight budget, and what to do when arriving. See the full story at tjcnewspaper.com.



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New GI Bill

Recent changes and additions to the GI Bill allow veterans returning home to pursue an affordable higher education. See full story at tjcnewspaper.com.

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Former ETBU president named new VP

By Courtney Hodgkins
Advertising Director

Tyler Junior College recently named Dr. Bob E. Riley as Vice President of Student Affairs. He is the former president of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall. Riley was a president for 25 years, a university faculty member, has experience in dean roles, vice president, and was a member of the Navy during the Vietnam War. Dr. Riley attended Wheeler High School and graduated college from West Texas State University. He received his doctorate from Texas

A&M Commerce.

Riley was a last minute hire in the summer to fulfill the position of Dr. Austin Lane and was hired by Dr. L. Michael Metke, president of TJC.



Bobby Riley

"Dr. Riley was an easy choice because of his background, and he is very well respected," said Metke. Riley is only an administrator of

TJC until the spring, but he has many ideas to improve TJC campus, faculty and students. According to Metke, Riley has already made changes to TJC such as moving financial aid to Student Services, and moving Campus Safety to Business Services from Student Services. His main focus is to "stabilize policies in Student Affairs," said Riley. Student Affairs serves students beginning at orientation and ending at graduation. This division promotes and supports the educational mission of TJC by providing out-of-classroom programs and services that encourage

students to develop socially, intellectually, emotionally and physically. According to Metke, Riley is also helping TJC with its affirmation. With many ideas and suggestions, Riley has proposed a plan to eliminate poor dress code and profanity. As students, faculty, and visitors stroll around campus, they may notice the sagging and exposure of undergarments of mainly male students, females lack of covering upper body and profanity language being used. "Using profanity shows a

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TEXTING while Driving

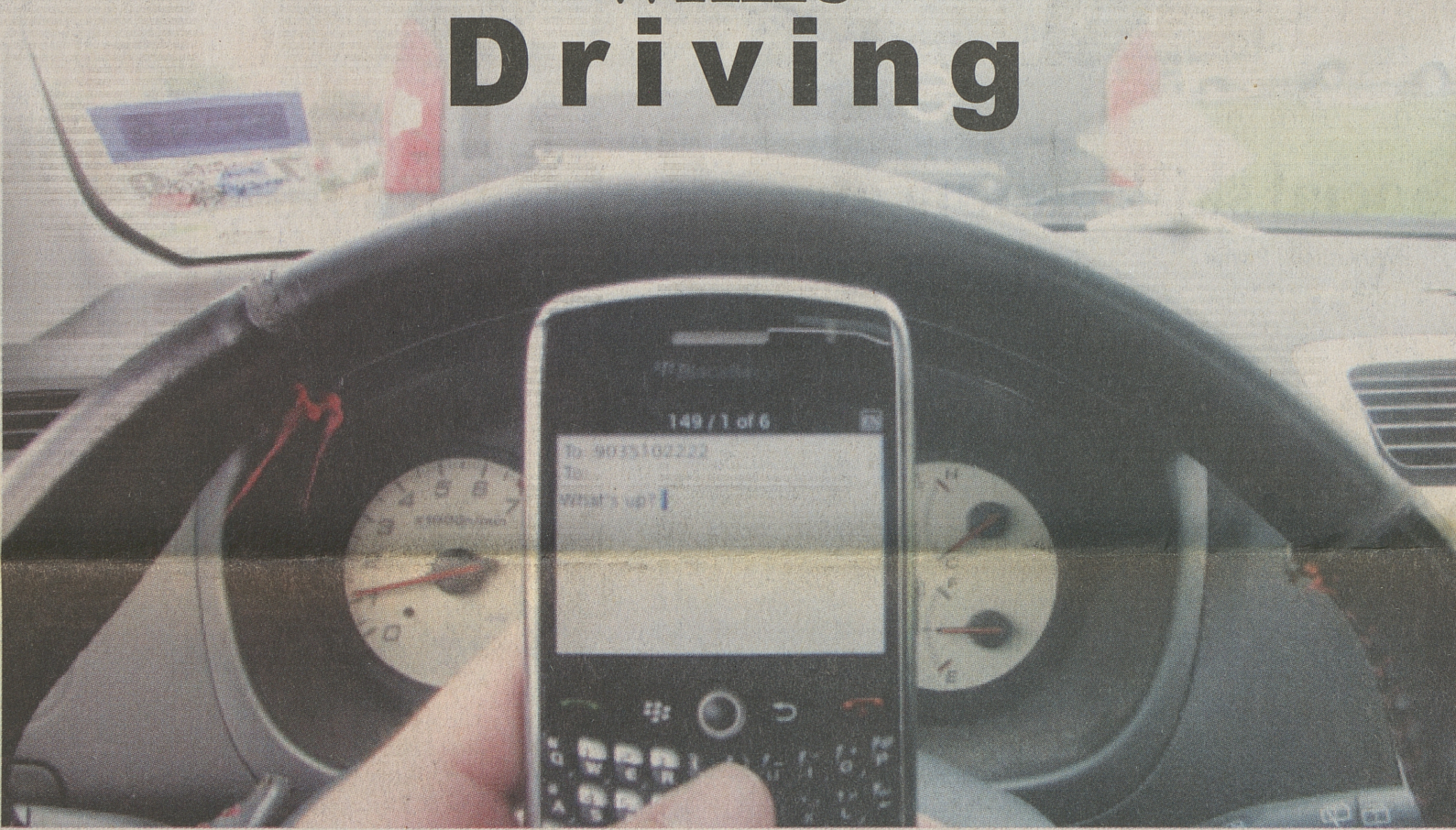


Photo by Griffin Blackburn

TEXTING AT THE WHEEL According to Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, drivers are 23 times more likely to have an accident while texting.

Texting becoming dangerous habit for younger motorists

By Whitney Green
Staff Writer

The average number of text messages sent per month is 790 by 18-24 year-olds. According to recent studies by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, drivers who text are 23 times more likely to get into an automobile accident than those who focus on driving without use of a phone. The research shows drivers that were texting

were not looking at the road for 4.6 of every 6 seconds. This equals traveling the length of a football field at 55 mph without watching the road. On Sept. 1, The State of Texas banned the use of cell phones while driving in a school zone. Other states have outlawed or are working to outlaw texting while driving. These states include: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vir-

ginia, Washington and Florida. Florida has a law in effect called "Heather's Law." Heather Hurd was killed by a truck driver who crashed into 10 cars while sending a text behind the wheel of his 18-wheeler. Texting and driving is said to be worse than drinking and driving according to CNBC.com. Car and Driver Magazine tested how long it would take to hit the brakes in various conditions. The conditions were: when sober, legally drunk with .08 blood alcohol

level, reading an e-mail, and sending a text. Driving 70 miles per hour on a deserted air strip, Car and Driver editor Eddie Alterman, was slower and slower reacting and braking when e-mailing and texting. A British Public Safety Announcement was published recently online showing the dangers of texting while driving.

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Tax increase approved
Board raises taxes instead of tuition

By Daisy Valle
News Editor

On Aug. 27, the College Preservation Fund was approved by the Tyler Junior College Board of Trustees. The vote for the fund was unanimous and will result in a small increase in the tax rate instead of raising tuition and fees. "The tax increase will go into effect this year for people who live in our tax district. It won't affect any resident over 65 years old, and the increase will be less than a penny increase," Kimberly A. Russell, vice president of Advancement and External Affairs said. The increase will provide approximately \$900,000 to fund future critical infrastructure needs. TJC's new tax rate will be .136950 per \$100 in valuation, slightly higher than the old rate of .127169 per \$100 in valuation and will still remain the lowest rate among com-

FUTURE FUNDING

New vs Old
TJC's new tax rate:
.136950 per \$100
TJC's old tax rate:
.127169 per \$100

munity colleges in Texas. For example, a house valued at \$100,000 property tax for TJC will amount to \$136.95 whereas the same house last year resulted in \$127.17. "This fund idea was spearheaded by General James K. 'Red' Brown. He is the chairman of the board of Lindale I.S.D.," Russell said. "I think it's one of the best decisions to preserve TJC's most precious assets." Russell also mentioned that this is the

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campus SCENE



Photo by Nahum Lopez

MAKING IT OFFICIAL Dr. Mike Metke, president of TJC, and Dr. Rodney Mabry, president of UT-Tyler, sign the official contracts for the new UT-Tyler Transfer Center located in Jenkins Hall. Pick up the next issue Oct. 2 for full story on the transfer center.



column

Social skills fading away due to technology

By Madison Payne
Editor in chief

As young adults, many of us would feel lost without our iPhone, Facebook and Myspace. We have all grown so accustomed to the advances in technology that it often makes me wonder, what is it doing to our relationships?

I'm not just talking about our relationships with our significant others; I am also talking about our interactions with our friends and family. It is much more convenient to text someone or write on their Facebook than it is to pick up the phone and call them or much less, talk to them in person.

Technology has given us some really great opportunities to do things that we haven't even dreamed of decades ago, but what has it taken away?

Recent advances in technology have changed many aspects of our day-to-day life. Text messaging, for example, has changed the whole game of dating. Back in the good ole' days if you wanted to ask someone to go on a date, you would approach them in person and ask them on a date. Now, it is very common to receive a text message inquiring about a date, which in my opinion lacks sincerity.

Text messaging can also add some unnecessary drama to a relationship. Many times I have encountered a situation where the person that is receiving the text message may interpret the text wrong and in turn result in a game of "he said she said," or "she said she said" and so on.

If we all communicated only face-to-face there would be no gray area as to what someone really means when they communicate it.

Text messaging is not the root of all evil when it comes to communication. Facebook and Myspace add a whole different level to the communication playing field. On a daily basis, most of us communicate with one another through social networking sites. It often makes me wonder, as technology grows, how are we going to communicate with each other just 10 or 20 years from now? Will we even leave the house unless it is absolutely necessary?

I challenge you to sign out of your Facebooks and turn your iPhones off just for a while, because we might all get antsy and go to a public place and have a real conversation face-to-face. After doing so, let me know what is more rewarding; having a real conversation or writing on someone's Facebook wall.

I think that we all need to



take a step back and see how different things have become. I believe that in the near future we will all have a personal void to fill due to the lack of actual human interaction.

We need to embrace our social skills and put them into play before we all forget how to do so.

VIEWpoint

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Posted Aug. 26, 2009

Response to Customer improvement classes

This is something I wish we could publish Nationwide! I work for a major cell phone company and I get people in my face all day long if their electronic device does not work properly for half a second. We all need to realize that there's more to everything than just pushing the "easy" button and making it work.

Posted April 22, 2009

Response to Men upset students by preaching

I personally agree that most of the things "screamed" about at this gathering are sin. Yet, I do not agree that was the right way necessarily of preaching it. The problem with most of the world today is that they don't truly know what sin is. I think more scripture needed to be used to prove these actions, taken upon by much of the student body, are really sins... I also strongly believed more hope needed to be provided to these students.

I spoke with Joel, and he said "we are just trying to get their attention." Which I agree is a good way of doing so... but as soon as he said that, I looked around to see the same people standing around and sitting on the sidewalks, that had been there since I got there, at least an hour earlier. I said you have obviously got their attention, now give these people hope through the blood of Jesus Christ.

I am a religious person myself, and I respect the zeal and boldness these young men had to take the steps they took, but the most important thing at that time were the souls of these students, not telling the loud-mouth women to leave, or posing for pictures with half-naked girls. For those who heard the message directly, God is hurt by the betrayal of the American people, who ignore His sacrifice, His pain, His love that he provided for the entire Nation. God is not angry to the point of unforgiveness, that is the very reason Christ's blood was shed, to be able to forgive us of our sins, so we can repent of our sins.

editorial

Students may think twice before exercising

The typical person walking into the Ornelas Health and Physical Education building, a person is ready to make a change for their health. Their head is down, face is full of determination and they are dressed in clothes they would normally not wear out in public.

Students walk up the stairs, in the doors, scan their student IDs and prepare themselves to submit to the torturous routine in order to get their body into shape, until they walk into the weight room. Standing in the doorway of the weight room, weights are all over the floor, the bars for bench press and curls are rusted and scattered, the Nautilus machines squeak from neglect. The last new

pieces of equipment were the addition of Nautilus Nitro strength training machines that were added more than six years ago. The majority of the free weights look as if they have been there since 1986 when the center was built.

The downstairs weight room is a converted racquetball court; the remnants of the court are on the ceilings and walls in the form of oval shaped dark spots from impact of blue rubber balls. The room was stuffed with the oldest of the equipment making it look like a time portal to a mid-80s weight training facility.

The lower level has five racquetball courts, the five lane pool, a room that holds two basketball courts, two large dance studios

and men and women's locker rooms. The racquetball courts are a classy touch to the college training center. They can be a retreat from the weight and aerobic rooms, and provide racquetball enthusiasts with a clean, air-conditioned place to practice their sport, but is the college's demand for a better weight-training environment silenced by the cries for more racquetball?

Having the center on campus is something prospective students should consider when coming to school at TJC. If based solely on the condition of the center, the population of the school might not be breaking records.

The pool is one of two indoor facilities in Tyler. Besides the oc-

casional spike in chlorine levels, it is a nice feature of the center. The pool is not being utilized to its complete potential. But the main purpose for a pool of its design is for lap swim. The hours for lap swim are inconvenient for most. In order to get a lane to swim in, the swimmer has to get there on Monday through Friday between the hours of 6-7:50 a.m. or 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m., on Monday and Wednesday from 8 p.m.-8:50 p.m. The rest of the time, the pool is being used for recreational swim for two hours and 40 minutes during the week and four hours on the weekend.

If the center fees were not included in tuition, students might not pay to use the facilities.

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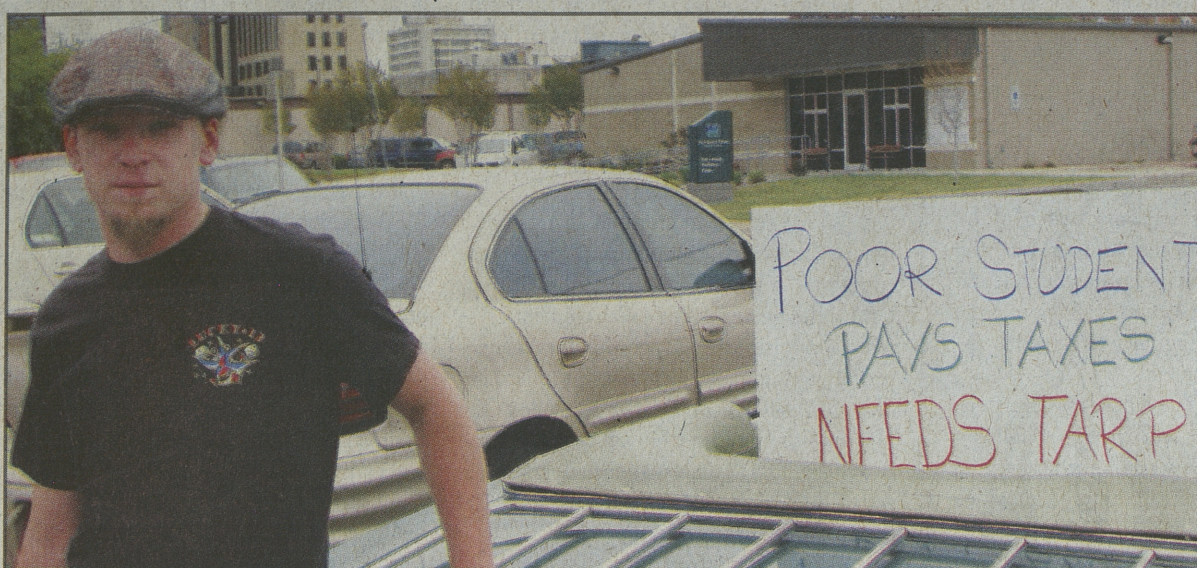
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Tax breaks may benefit students

By Nahum Lopez
Photo Editor

President Obama has created a tax break for college students in these hard times.

A tax deduction of up to \$4,000 can be claimed for qualified tuition and fees paid, making college more affordable for most Americans.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), more parents and students will qualify over the next two years for the American Opportunity Tax Credit to pay for college expenses.

The new tax credit modifies the existing Hope Credit for tax years 2009 and 2010, making the Hope Credit available to a broader range of taxpayers, including many with higher incomes and those who owe no tax (for information on Hope credit see www.irs.gov).

It also adds required course materials to the list of qualifying expenses and allows the credit to be claimed for four post-secondary education years instead of two. This is an opportunity for all students from freshman to seniors.

Many of those eligible will qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student. The full credit is available to individuals whose modified adjusted gross income is \$80,000 or less, or \$160,000 or less for married couples filing a joint return. The credit is phased out for taxpayers with incomes above these levels, meaning that the majority of college. Age of students will fall under these guidelines.

These income limits are higher than the existing Hope and Lifetime Learning Credits.

IRS.GOV states, "This universal and fully refundable credit will ensure that the taxpayers will receive a tax credit based on 100 percent of the first \$2,000 of tuition, fees and course materials paid during the taxable year, plus 25 percent of the next \$2,000 of tuition, fees, and course materials paid during the taxable year. Taxpayers will also be able to reduce their tax liability one dollar for each dollar of credit for which they are eligible. If the amount of the American Opportunity Tax Credit

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-Barack Obama
President of the United States

for which a taxpayer is eligible is more than their tax liability, the amount of the credit that is more than your tax liability is refundable to the taxpayer, up to a maximum refund of 40 percent of the amount of the credit for which you're eligible."

The credit is claimed using Form 8863, attached to Form 1040 or 1040A. The American Opportunity Tax Credit is for amounts paid in 2009 and 2010 only. Students may be eligible for the lifetime learning credit for any tuition and fees required for enrollment paid after 2010. Taxpayers cannot claim the tuition and fees tax deduction in the same year that they claim the American Opportunity Tax Credit or the lifetime learning credit.

Students also cannot claim the tuition and fees tax deduction if anyone else claims the American Opportunity Tax Credit or the lifetime learning credit for students in the same year. "I pay out of my pocket. It sounds good definitely. It gives me a free education and allows me to use my money for other expenses," said Robert Minchew, 21, a sophomore at TJC.

"It feels good because some people can't afford a higher education, and this would help them out," Jacoby Jordan, 19, freshman nursing student said. With more and more high school graduates putting off higher education because they can't afford it, President Obama's tax credit might help provide the change students and families need.

"I feel that without programs like these and financial aid it would be harder for me to attend school," Jordan said.

The new tax credit has a refund for books, tuition, and school supplies.



Photo by Nahum Lopez

TAX BREAKS Top, a local student expresses his opinion about tax breaks at the Tea Party held in downtown Tyler on April 15. Above, Robert Minchew, TJC sophomore has to pay for school supplies out of pocket.

"I realize that the price of books are expensive. Students deserve any break they can get," Dee Dee Hanson, from TJC College Books said.

During his April 5 radio address to the country, President Barack Obama reached out to the government to stop backing private loans to college students and replace them with direct financial aid to young people.

"The surest test for success in the challenging economy is a college degree or other training, yet access to higher education continues to shrink as costs rise," Obama said.

"In a paradox of American life, at the very moment, it's never been more important to have a quality education, the cost of that kind of education has never been higher. Yet we have a student loan system where we're giving lenders billions of dollars in wasteful subsidies that could be used to make college more affordable for all Americans," Obama said during his weekly radio address to the nation at the White House.

For more information about this topic, go to www.irs.gov.

TJC offers free clinic on campus

By Ambra Phillips
Staff Writer

More than 13 positive flu cases have already been confirmed at Tyler Junior College's campus clinic.

"Flu season typically begins in November, but it's already started now because of H1N1," said Dr. Stephanie Eijsink, ETMC First Physicians Clinic, TJC.

Flu shots are now available and all students are encouraged to get one.

TJC offers a free clinic to students because a fee of \$30 is included in each student's tuition. Students simply walk in the office with their student ID and a need to see the doctor. Appointments are never necessary.

Hundreds of students have already been treated since the beginning of school.

"The clinic stays busy. We have had over 60 people a day since school started," said Angie McCullough the clinic's medical assistant.

Considering the clinic is fairly small with one doctor, one nurse and one medical assistant, the wait time can be long. Many students don't even know the clinic is available.

"I had no idea there was a free clinic right here on campus that I could go to," Jaleesa Goss, TJC student, said. "I will definitely be going for that flu shot."

When the semester began, physicals were the number one reason for clinic visits, but according to Eijsink, sick visits have increased tremendously.

The clinic offers treatment for something as simple as a headache, to clinic referrals for young women for the

fairly new Gardasil vaccine. The clinic will provide students with prescriptions when necessary. Eijsink goes out of her way to make sure the medicines she prescribes are affordable for students.

"Unless it is a very unusual medicine, all the medicines I prescribe are available at Wal-Mart for \$4," Eijsink said.

TJC student, Christy McDonald, was in the office for a sick visit. This was her second visit to the clinic. She appreciates that the clinic is on campus and the fee was already included in her tuition.

"It's great for people who don't have insurance," McDonald said.

The clinic also treats injuries, providing X-rays if needed. While lab tests and X-rays aren't free, they are offered at a reduced price.

The clinic offers preventative treatment as well. Vaccinations are provided and free TB testing is available for all Allied Health students. The clinic is even concerned with the mental health of TJC students.

A psychologist is available for half a day on Monday afternoons for students who need any type of counseling. The clinic can be especially convenient for students who are away from home and away from their primary physician. Students have an alternative other than going to the emergency room where they will have a bill and possibly an even longer wait.

The clinic is also available for the faculty and staff. They have a \$75 co-pay that is good for the entire year.

The clinic is located on the second floor of the Rogers Student Center and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

News In Brief

CAMPUS

POW WOW RECOGNIZED

Tyler Junior College's student newspaper, *The Apache Pow Wow*, was named a finalist in the national Associated College Press' annual newspaper Pacemaker competition.

The Pow Wow is one of 10 two-year college newspapers nationwide – and the only Texas college – to be named a finalist.

In the four-year, daily newspaper category, the only Texas finalist was the University of Texas at Arlington's *Shorthorn*.

Places will be announced at the convention in Austin on Oct. 31.

Entries were judged on coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, layout and design, photography, art and graphics.

REGISTRATION FOR APACHE PREVIEW DAY

Registration is open for Apache Preview day, which will be 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

The event will allow students to tour the campus, meet with deans and visit with academic advisors and department chairs. It will have a complimentary lunch for students.

LOCAL

KIDNAPPING AT UT-TYLER

A Tyler man is in custody after being charged with aggravated kidnapping of a University of Texas at Tyler student.

At around 5:50 a.m. on Sept. 13, an 18-year-old female student was abducted on the UT-Tyler campus at knife-point by a 22-year-old male acquaintance.

Police say the attacker, William Fears, took the student to a location east of Tyler, where he wounded her several times on her faces, arms and legs. The victim was able to escape and contact police.

TEXAS

UNPREJUDICE TCU DORMS UNDER REVIEW

Texas Christian University may cancel plans to designate some on-campus apartments for gay students and their supporters.

The DiversCity Q community was to open this fall in a section of the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments on campus.

The apartments would house lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender students and heterosexual classmates who support them.

Shelly Newkirk, the TCU sophomore who applied to create the program, said eight students had committed to the community so far.

TJC announced Monday that it will now "review" requests for any new living-learning communities.

Career Services aids undecided students

By Hannah Hill
Staff Writer

Now, more than ever, jobs are becoming increasingly harder to find and a lot of students don't realize all the helpful resources that TJC's Career Services offers.

"Career Services is a one-stop shop for students and undecided students to visit and explore hundreds of career options available to them," Kimberly Harden, a staff member in the Career Services department, said.

Ranging from informational books and statistical outlines to Web sites and videos, one trip to the Career Services department can turn personal experiences and interests into a college major. Career Services' staff helps both students and non-students research all aspects of a college major and allows students to become "career literate" before jumping into the job world.

Career Services allows each student access to resources that can be an investment in their future by taking the time to research all the opportunities available both through the Career Services informational library and the Web.

"We currently house about 500 books on various careers in our office library, and students are welcome to come in and research different careers of interest and improve their job search skills,"

"There are all these different places that all have these different openings and they are looking to hire."

-Annie Lan
Career Services Coordinator

Harden said.

Career Services educates students with an undecided major individually through free career assessments, resume and cover letter techniques, personality tests, and mastering interview skills. Career Services department allows students to utilize the varying resources on their own time or schedule an appointment for a staff member to help walk through the diverse tools and information.

The Career Services Coordinator, Annie Lan, is helpful in explaining the various possibilities available to students.

"It was very useful having Ms. Lan come talk to the Resident Director's about what Career Services offers the students on campus. With her willingness to inform us, we were more willing to inform our residents," Joey Talbott, resident director for Lewis Hall, said.

Career Services works hand-in-hand with the East Texas Work Force Commission to encourage job placement in available fields. This allows the recruiting process to become faster and easier for the student.

"There are all these different places that all have these different openings and they are looking to hire. So, we have the job board that allows students to access it for free, which allows us to help get the word out about available jobs," Lan said.

For Allied Health and Nursing majors, a job fair is offered in the spring. Other types of workshops are offered throughout every semester. Lan and her staff attend college preparatory classes and informing students on the importance of attending college.

One of career services' main goals is to reach out to students with an undecided major and help them focus on finding a future occupation. If the student is looking for a job, then they can be pointed in the direction of jobs that are hiring.

After a student's educational courses are complete, Career Services can then assist even further in finding an actual job for which to apply. They are willing to help through the entire journey. For more information on career services, visit www.tjc.edu/career-services.

Body of Yale student found

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The slaying of the missing Yale bride-to-be whose body was found on what was to have been her wedding day "wasn't a random act," police here said Monday as an autopsy concluded that she was the victim of a homicide.

Authorities also officially identified the remains as those of Annie Le, 24, the Yale doctoral student in pharmacology who had been missing since last Tuesday and whose body was discovered Sunday hidden inside a wall in a basement lab building where she worked in the medical school complex.

The medical examiner in Connecticut is withholding Le's cause of death "for investigative purposes."

Meanwhile, the New Haven Register reported that detectives were focusing on a lab technician who works in the building where the body was found.

The newspaper reported that the technician had failed a polygraph test and had scratches on his chest, as if he were in some type of a struggle.

Nearly all of the basement animal research floor where

Le's remains were found can be accessed only by students, faculty, staff and lab technicians who have been given specific permission to be there, student researchers said.

In an earlier statement e-mailed to the Ivy League school Monday, Yale Police Chief James A. Perrotti tried to tamp down rumors circulating on the shaken campus.

"There are no suspects in custody," Perrotti said. "We ask for your patience as we thoroughly investigate this crime."

Authorities would not answer questions about a suspect, but say they are sure that there are "no students involved" in Le's killing, Perrotti said.

New Haven police spokesman Joe Avery said Monday that because the death did not appear to have been committed at random, there was no need for alarm on campus.

"It wasn't a random act," Avery said. "It doesn't appear to be a random act."

Le, who is from Placerville, Calif., east of Sacramento, was to marry Jonathan Widawsky, also 24, a Columbia University graduate student from Huntington, N.Y.,

on Sunday. The nuptials were canceled Friday, after she was reported missing on Tuesday.

Widawsky is not a suspect and is working with investigators, police said.

Avery said police at first thought Le might have been a runaway bride. That theory was soon debunked as investigators were not able to find any surveillance video of Le exiting the Amistad lab, and she was seen on the video at about 10 a.m. walking into the building for a research lab appointment.

Yale officials say every entrance and exit to the building on the school's medical school complex is captured on video by a series of 70 cameras. The basement where Le was found was used for utility cables and plumbing is highly secure, university officials said, and only students, faculty and staff with a need to be in the basement are able to go there.

At Le's off-campus home about a mile and a half away, three Yale police officers spent about 15 minutes in the residence Monday afternoon, then emerged with a camera. They would not answer reporters' questions.

Education at a distance Students take advantage of online classes

By Coryn Crain
Staff Writer

Online education is a convenient, affordable and high tech way of pursuing a degree without even leaving home.

First established at Tyler Junior College in 1985, this program has become a building block for the many Apaches who attend abroad, as well as on campus.

"We've seen a tremendous increase over the past few years of the demand for distance education," said Tellfair E. Fullerton, instructional designer/learning management systems administrator. Along with the changes in the economy and technology, the number of courses offered online has expanded. The Health Nutrition and Minerals course and the freshmen First Year Experience course were added this fall. Now there are more than 100 online courses available at TJC.

There are approximately 6,000 to 7,000 TJC students currently enrolled in an online class this semester. Many of these students are freshmen and people who live hours away in surrounding towns and full-time working students. Also, many adults are seeking an online education in hopes of improving their skills and training.

To successfully take part in TJC's online education program, students are required to have Internet access and JavaScript. Students are not required to be a computer whiz, but should at least know some computer and Internet basics.

Another distance education option are the hybrid classes, where students meet once a week in classes on campus and do the rest online. Students are responsible for having assignments due on time and for reading book chapters on their own.

"I recommend for first year online educators to enroll in a hybrid online class. That way the student could get a taste of what online classes are really like," said Mrs. Sheree C. Webb, instructional designer of Distance Education.

Along with the advantages of taking an online class, like saving gas and working at a student's own pace on his or her own time, there are also disadvantages.

Often students tend to put off their assignments, and others have a hard time comprehending without traditional lectures.

Other reasons are the students aren't actually in the classroom face to face with the teachers, so it's easier for them not to do an assignment. Therefore, the dropout rates tend to be high.

Students should speak with an Academic Advisor to see if taking an online class would be right for them as more courses are added.

Courses like Drafting and Welding are some of the few courses that are expected to become available online in TJC's future.

"Taking an online class isn't really bad, you just got to know how to manage your time and you can't be lazy," said Brandon Withers, a student who is currently enrolled in an online class at TJC.

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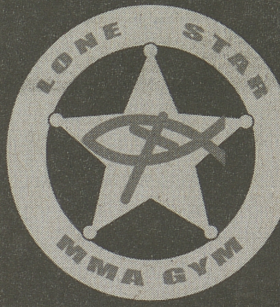
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DUELING: Gib Maynard (left) and Jack Ragland (right) practice their sword fighting skills in preparation for *Henry V*. Photo by Sarah Hall

'Henry V' brings Theater and English together

By Christine Strong
Staff Writer

With lights going up and set pieces being built, Jean Browne Theatre is a very busy place this time of year.

When it came to planning this season's theatre production, technical director and theatre manager Denise Weatherly-Green knew that she wanted to work with Shakespeare first.

"Shakespeare is meant to be seen, not read," said Weatherly-Green, who wants to be able to provide high schools with curriculum support.

Weatherly-Green is starting her second year at TJC and has high expectations for all of her students. She is looking forward to a great school year.

"It's one big happy family and a healthy place to work," Weatherly-Green said.

"*Henry V*," written by William Shakespeare in 1599, is based on the life of King Henry V of England, and focuses on events directly before and after the Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years' War.

With rehearsals going on daily, it's obvious that Weatherly-Green was going to need some help. Jacque Shackelford, professor of speech and theatre, is working hard to help design all of the costumes. All of which are made to be authentic to the time period and the audience will immediately get the feeling

as if they were a part of the play.

"The costumes are all fabulous," said Shackelford.

Along with authentic costumes, there will be actual stage combat with handmade weapons and swords all made for the production. Shackelford's husband made all of the swords out of steel. The characters are being trained to work with these props to the best of their abilities.

The experience will be as if the audience was to witness the fight and to feel in tune with the play itself.

"Every guy has a kid in him who wants to play with a sword," said Shackelford.

Newcomer Blythe Greenup, who was cast as the Duke of Burgundy and a French soldier, said that there are a good number of students involved in auditions and the nerves are there.

"It's going to be a great show," said Greenup as she prepared for her first college production.

Working hard is not out of the ordinary for these students, who want to put on the best show possible.

Henry V is set for October 7-11 in the Jean Browne Theatre. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

The box office hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and will open Sept. 30.

For more information on the box office, tickets, and reservations call 903-510-2211 or 903-510-2212.



Photo by Sarah Hall

HARD AT WORK Las Mas members Brittany Brinkly (left) and Josh Eguia (right) work on shields that will be prop for *Henry V*.

Las Mascaras embraces 83 years at TJC

By Sarah Hall
A&E Editor

Sounds of laughter and the roar of power tools fill the Jean Brown Theater as members of Las Mascaras eagerly begin their semester by building the set for *Henry V*.

Las Mascaras (or as members call it, "Las Mas") is a theater and speech club that gives both majors and non-majors a chance to learn about the world of stage productions.

"The purpose of Las Mascaras Speech and Drama Club shall be to further the skills and interests of students of Tyler Junior College in the fields of Speech and Dramatic Arts by continuous and active participation in all such areas," the official Las Mascaras Constitution says.

Stormy Philpot, president of Las Mascaras, is working to make this year more fun and memorable than stress filled by incorporating activities and a family based environment during their work on the set.

"If you have fun working together, your heart will be in your work and you will do a better job and make great memories," Philpot said.

Obviously everything is not all fun and games. Hard work is always welcomed and needed at any time.

Jacque Shackelford, professor of Theater and part director and costume designer for the productions, expressed how important it is to keep focused on the goal.

"They have an important role in the organization, they are given responsibilities and a sense of ownership that teaches

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Student meets 'White Challenge'

Joseph French displays abstract art in Jenkins

Chantel Martin
Staff Writer

The lake, the beach or maybe the mountains. These are some of the vacation spots students may have visited this summer, but for Joseph French, his summer included wood, a brush and many bottles of paint.

Formally known as "The White Challenge," French was given the task of painting 25 works of art in a little under two months for the display in Jenkins.

"I spent about \$400 on art supplies and made my own frames and canvases," French said. "At home, I moved my bed into the living room. That way I could turn my room into a studio."

Art Instructor Derrick White, for whom the challenge is named, will showcase French's paintings through Sept. 18. White said he enjoys challenging his students.

"Twenty-five is a good number for a few months of work," he said. "It all came down to hard work. In order to make good art, you have to make a lot of art. If you want two great paintings make 10."

French said he was not expecting his instructors to present him with the offer.

"I was nervous about the White Challenge," French said. "I took it to heart and just ran with it. The extra paintings are sitting at home, and I want to frame them all and build a strong portfolio for a four-year."

According to Department Chair Chris Stewart, students chosen for the hallway exhibit have usually developed a good body of work and have been working with the instructors for two or three semesters.

"We used to put a couple of class projects in the display cases," Stewart said. "But a couple of years ago, we started to show the student's work as an exhibit. We put more completed projects like drawings, prints and ceramics."

According to Stewart the students get a lot of experience from showing in the hallway exhibit.

"The goal is to give the students a chance to display their work and make decisions on how to hang paintings and choose what goes with what," Stewart said. "Joseph picked which paintings he wanted in the exhibit and saw which ones worked together and which ones didn't. He had to select how to hang things and how to group them. He's not there to explain it to you. He is to paint and see how the viewers respond to it. If they like it they like it, if they don't, they don't."

According to Stewart, French's finished results at the end of the White Challenge showed his dedication during the summer. He said that French was very eager to develop and learn.

"He made a lot of art," Stewart said. "We were here teaching Art Appreciation and allowed him to use the studio. He is very open to his professors and allowed us to give him encouragement and feedback. He said he would do it and he backed it up. He can make something out of nothing."

Although he has also been featured in the Wise exhibit for the past two semesters, French said he has not always viewed himself as an artist.

"I have only been painting for a year and a half, and this is my second year in the art department," French said.

French was majoring in business and planning to go into banking. He said it was White who converted him over to art.

"It is actually a funny story," he said. "I had bought the Cha-millonaire Ultimate Victory CD and I was walking into class and I had no materials. I went to ask Mr. White for a pen and paper and he told me not to take notes but to draw him something. So I drew the album cover of the Cha-millonaire CD and handed it to him. He said 'today is the day I



Photos by Nahum Lopez

WHITE CHALLENGE Expressionism and Minimalist Abstract art by Joseph French is displayed in Jenkins Hall.

convince you into changing your major into art."

French said that he had always liked drawing, but he had never seen it as a career.

"I want to teach college-level art at a university in Texas," he said.

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Recycling project comes to TJC

By Teresa Ramirez
Contributing Writer

After many semesters of various organizations trying to bring recycling to Tyler Junior College, Phi Theta Kappa and Club Tennis have finally succeeded.

Phi Theta Kappa and Club Tennis have made recycling bins available at Rogers Student Center.

"I think it's a great idea," Janet York, a Health Information Technology major at TJC, said. "It's just as easy to throw it in a recycling bin as it is to throw it in a trash can."

The recycling bins are provided by the Tyler Solid Waste Department. There are two types of bins located at Rogers Student Center. One of the bins is used for two types of plastics, #1 and #2. Plastic #1 includes water and soda bottles.

"Number 2s are like milk jugs and detergent bottles, so [you] probably won't see many of those at TJC," Kristi Boyett, special projects coordinator for the city of Tyler and a former Apache Bell, said.

Students can identify the type of plastic an item is by looking at the bottom for the

"It's just as easy to throw it in a recycling bin as it is to throw it in a trash can."

-Janet York
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recycling triangle. Inside the recycling triangle is a number that identifies the plastic's number.

The second bin is used for office paper. According to Boyett, newspapers and magazines are made of different material than office paper, so they will not go in the paper bin.

"We want to keep contamination levels low," Boyett said. "We call it contaminated if the wrong things are on the wrong bins."

The recycling committee within Phi Theta Kappa takes the recycling material to the Tyler Solid Waste Department.

TJC is not the only place students and faculty can recycle.

"A lot of people don't know that the city of Tyler offers recycling at your home," Melanie Bishop, president of Phi Theta Kappa and a Pre-Med major, said.

Tyler's Solid Waste Department has a curbside program that allows Tyler residents to sign up for a recycling cart at their home and have it picked up twice a month. Boyett said that from October 2008 to the present, curbside recycling has increased up to 746 tons.

"Only 10 percent of our garbage customers are recycling customers, so just imagine how much tonnage we could recycle if everyone turned to recycling," Boyett said.

Phi Theta Kappa and Club Tennis hope that the bins at Rogers Student Center will encourage TJC students and faculty to recycle. They hope to have more recycling bins placed in other buildings on campus in the future.

"We're in that Green mode, so I think the more that you can do, the better," said York.

For more information on the recycling center or curbside recycling, visit www.tylerwaste.com. For more information on TJC's recycling project, e-mail Danielle Robinson, Phi Theta Kappa's vice president of service and an English major, at witheybreath@gmail.com.

Freshman Experience now online

New students required to take online course at TJC

By Amanda Caldwell
Staff Writer

"Everyone needs to take the First Year Experience Course."

-Ashleigh Lewis
First Year Experience Coordinator

Taking a new direction in life is not always the easiest thing, especially when it comes to starting college.

Tyler Junior College's First Year Experience offers an opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and prepare them for a future in higher education.

"This specific office helps newcomers' transition into the college life and helps them get a good start when starting college," Ashleigh Lewis, coordinator of FYE, said.

There are many worries such as setting up a schedule, meeting new people, and learning all the ropes. Not many people know about this new experience and all it has to offer.

All new students to TJC may have noticed that they are required to take an FYE course online. This course covers facilities, services and information that will help newcomers throughout their years at TJC. By taking this course, students receive a total of one credit hour. In order for students to complete the course, they must log onto Apache Access, go to My Online Courses and double click on First Year Experience complete the 10 modules.

In order to receive the credit, students must complete all 10 modules with a 100 percent, and it may be taken as many times as needed. Afterwards, a confirmation email will be sent to you from Lewis.

According to Lewis, the main priority of the service is to help students stay engaged and transfer to a four-year university to continue their education.

"It's a great idea. Everyone needs to take the First Year Experience course. By taking it, you have access to your friends," Lewis said.

Students who attended freshman orientation are not exempt from taking the FYE course.

"The ones who attend orientation are more aware, and everyone should be able to pass the course, it's like a free A," Sofia Herrera, a Business Administration major and an Apache Chief, said.

According to Herrera, the best part of the experience is orientation; it gives students the opportunity to connect with others.

Not only does TJC offer Apache orientation for upcoming students, but it also offers parent orientation, making TJC one of the few two-year colleges in Texas to have one similar to the other parent organizations that universities have.

Otha Harris, a Computer Science major at TJC, believes that the activities that have been offered helped him branch out and meet other students.

"It's a fun learning experience, and I'm trying to get used to it, but I'm adjusting very well so far," Harris said.

For more information on the First Year Experience course, contact Ashleigh Lewis at 903-510-3751 or email fye@tjc.edu. Students can also go to the First Year Experience office that is located in the second floor of Rogers Student Center in the Student Affairs office in room 235.

No strings attached Organizations provide students with complimentary food

By Jamie Regian
Staff Writer

With the way the economy is going, only a slight mumble of the words "free food" could, without a doubt, send everyone running in the same direction.

There are actually three organizations located on campus that serve an array of free meals to all Tyler Junior College students.

These organizations are the Association of Baptist Students (ABS), the Wesley Foundation founded by the United Methodist Church, and the Baptist Student Ministries (BSM). They welcome all students, regardless of religion.

"All the ministries, they all offer lunches to students on different days," said Christy Parks, a Nursing major. "I know that ABS is on Mondays, Wesley is on Tuesdays and BSM is on Wednesdays."

Parks used to volunteer quite often for the Wesley Foundation.

"It's just a really good opportunity to meet people and make friends."

Mark Jones, the director of Baptist Student Ministries seems to agree. He said he is convinced that people are hungry for more than just pancakes and a free lunch.

"I think given the state of our world and just the struggle of life, that people are hungry for answers, something to give their life meaning."

Jones already believes that this year is going to be better than any of the previous ones.

"This first week we had about 150, and that was really kind of low. We'll see a build through the middle of the semester and, if it's like any of the others, we'll see anywhere from 250 to 300," Jones said. "People do come here for the food, but also I think there's a

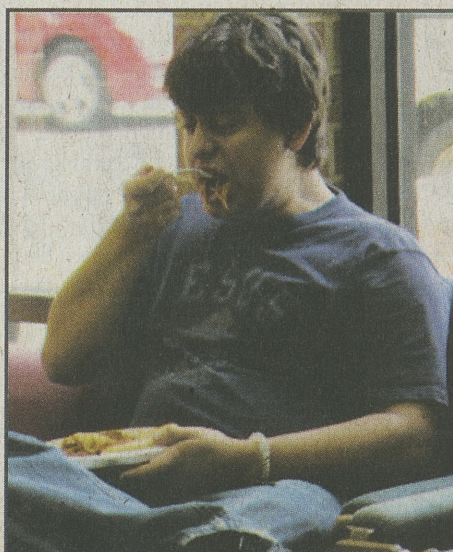


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SERVING FOOD Top, Charles Leggette, Morris rimer, and Lawanda Carter serving spaghetti to students at the BSM. On right, Randall Saddler is eating spaghetti at the BSM.

FREE LUNCH HOURS

- Mondays: ABS provides lunch from noon to 1 p.m.
- Tuesdays: Wesley Foundation provides lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesdays: BSM provides lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



longing for community, for relationship."

Jones adds that the Baptist Student Ministries has had a successful history in the past and they are still continuing to improve.

"Basically, it's a good way for us to connect

as a church to the campus," Sunny Farley, director of the Wesley Foundation, said. "There's a lot of fun to be had on campus, and there's a lot of fun to be had in faith as well. We're not about boring stuff here."

TJC's free writing lab helps students improve their writing abilities

By Austin Whitherspoon
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College's Writing Lab provides free help to students struggling with writing papers.

"The Writing Lab is open to any student that needs to work on any computer-based assignment," Kristen Jackson, writing lab coordinator, said "As long as they're working, they can stay as long as they need."

The lab provides 14 computers and one black and white printer. In addition to computing equipment, the lab also employs professional and peer tutors to aid in the writing process.

"We can help students from the ground up on their assignments," Terry Spearman, a professional tutor, said. "Whether it is deciding on a topic, or just adding some finishing touches, the Writing Lab staff is willing to help. We're not a drop-off service though. The students must be present during the sessions so they can learn."

Lack of awareness is a problem that the writing lab encounters. Many students have no idea that TJC even provides such a service.

"We have a writing lab? I thought it was just a computer lab," Justin Charles, a Theater major, said.

Another problem with getting the students to use the writ-

ing lab is the perception the students put on themselves. Some students fear that if they go to receive assistance from the lab, they will be viewed as uninformed or unintelligent.

"The services provided should put no stigma on the students," Spearman said. "The faculty looks up to those who stop by the lab."

The Writing Lab helps students improve their grammar.

"The students need the help that the Writing Lab provides because grammar is not emphasized today like it should be," Spearman said. "Students may come across as unintelligent because of a simple spelling error, or structural problem, when they truly are very bright."

The lab is usually only busy during midterms and finals weeks. Walk-ins are welcomed and encouraged. However, appointments can be set for convenience. Last fall, the lab counted approximately 550 sessions, and 350 of those were repeats from the fall semester.

"A few students have come back and given us personal 'thank yous,'" Jackson said.

The Writing Lab is located on the bottom floor of Jenkins in room 1108. The hours are Monday -Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. During summer, they are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

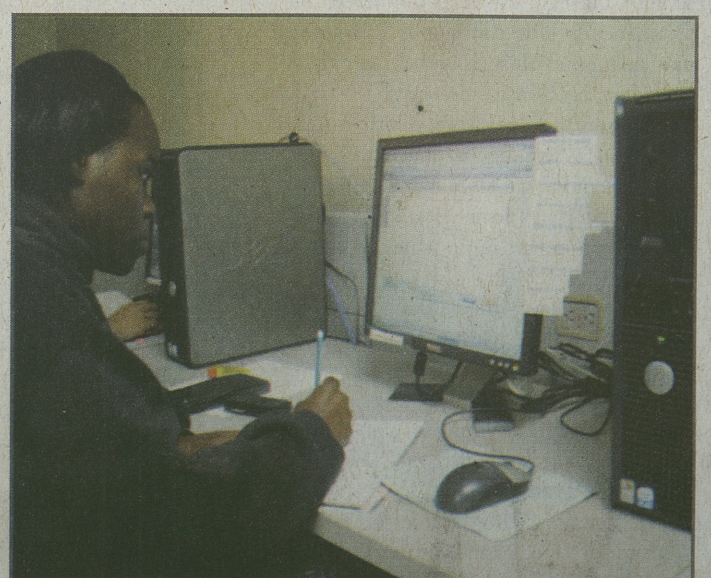
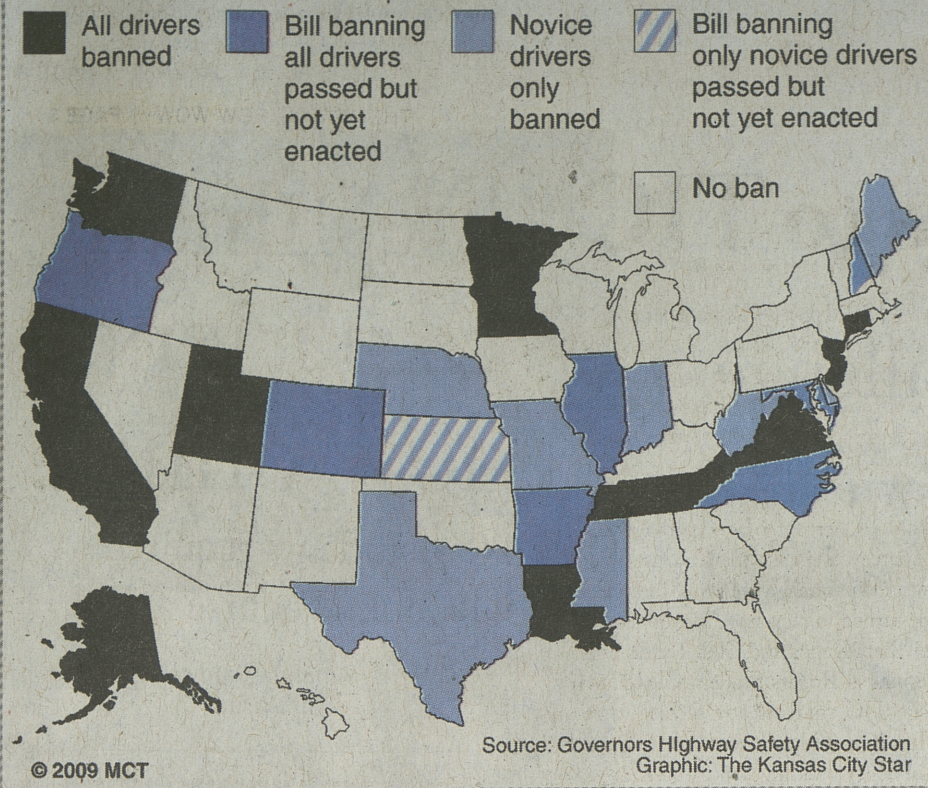


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STUDENT TAKES ADVANTAGE Breeanna Holiman, an Early Childhood Education major, takes advantage of the free Writing Lab TJC has for students.

States with laws banning texting while driving



TEXTING

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It begins with a group of teenagers driving down the road and having a good time without a care in the world. With one text and the move of a finger, it quickly turns deadly.

The video can be described as graphic, but shows the potential consequences of using a cellular device behind the wheel.

"I think the video really made me realize that it could happen to me. So, whoever is texting me or calling me can wait until after I'm done driving somewhere," student Preston Bishop said.

The video is posted on YouTube and has had over 100,000 views and almost 300 comments.

"When you receive a text

message your mind gets distracted, and this video really drives home," said Tyler Police Department Public Information Officer Don Martin.

"It makes me think twice about texting while driving," said student Maria Cazares. "You may not think it can happen to you. No matter how good of a texter or driver you are, it can still happen."

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lack of vocabulary," said Whitney Flewollen, TJC business major.

Riley wants students attending TJC to act respectfully toward the campus, faculty, fellow students and visitors.

Riley feels his plan of action is a "preparation for the next professional life."

In his plan, there will be consequences given to those who do not follow the rules and guidelines for conduct while at TJC. These consequences will result in disciplinary actions and possibly probation.

If a student is in class dressed inappropriately or speaking with profanity, by policies and guidelines, the student can and will be dismissed

by their instructor. If the problem continues, Damien Williams, coordinator of Student Judicial Programs, will then be contacted to step in and help with the situation.

"This transformation will be difficult, and we need everyone involved to make it happen," said Riley.

Riley is working at a steady pace in order to finalize his proposed guidelines and policies.

According to Riley, he wants to make a recognizable difference at TJC.

Riley has many ideas and suggestions to better TJC while he is a part of the TJC family.

"We can all work together to make TJC the best it can be," said Riley.

'Cares enough to wear pink'

Firefighters support breast cancer awareness

By Shaylon Trammell
Staff Writer

Generally, public safety officers are seen wearing blue. However, for three days in October they will be wearing a different hue.

From Oct. 25 through 27, firefighters will be wearing pink as they participate in the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign. It is their way of supporting and spreading awareness of breast cancer.

"I think it's great that people pull together for others they don't even know, and [that they] care enough to help out," Sarah Morgan, a breast cancer survivor, said.

Their efforts are a part of the nationwide "Pink Heals Tour" as it travels across America. Their website, www.pinkribbontour.com, states, "We are a male dominated profession. We are supporting, caring for, and loving the most important people in our lives, the women of our communities."

The tour consists of two fire engines and one ladder truck that are all painted pink. The trucks will be driven by firefighters and volunteers from across the nation to 30 different cities. The tour starts Sept. 12 through Oct. 31. The tour's first stop in Texas will be in Tyler.

The Tyler Professional Fire Fighters Association (TPFFA) has also joined forces with the local Susan G. Komen Foundation, American Cancer Society, East Texas Medical Center, Mother Frances Hospital, Northeast Texas Health District, Carter Blood Care,

and the City of Tyler. They are collaborating to promote participation among businesses, schools and individuals in the citywide "Turn Tyler Pink" event on Oct 15.

When the tour arrives, a "Turn Tyler Pink" event will be held at 5 p.m. on Oct. 15 in downtown Tyler. There will be food, activities, health information, music, free screenings and a blood drive. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink. Last year, the Tyler Fire Department started a fundraiser selling T-shirts. It began as a fundraiser for a fellow fire fighter's wife who was battling breast cancer. After selling around 3,800 shirts last year, organizers hope for another successful fundraiser this year.

Although pink is typically considered a feminine color, it hasn't stopped fire department veteran Captain Mike Nipp of Fire Station #1 from participating.

"I'm proud to do it, especially for what it stands for. That's how we show our support," Nipp said.

Tyler Junior College students can show support, too.

"Students can show their support by wearing pink shirts. They can buy them from the Fire Department to help with raising funds or design their own," said Steve Countryman, Tyler Fire Department Captain of Station #5 and first Vice President of the TPFFA. "Our goal is for all of Tyler to wear pink."

For information about the involvement of Tyler Firefighters visit the TPFFA website at www.iaff883.org.

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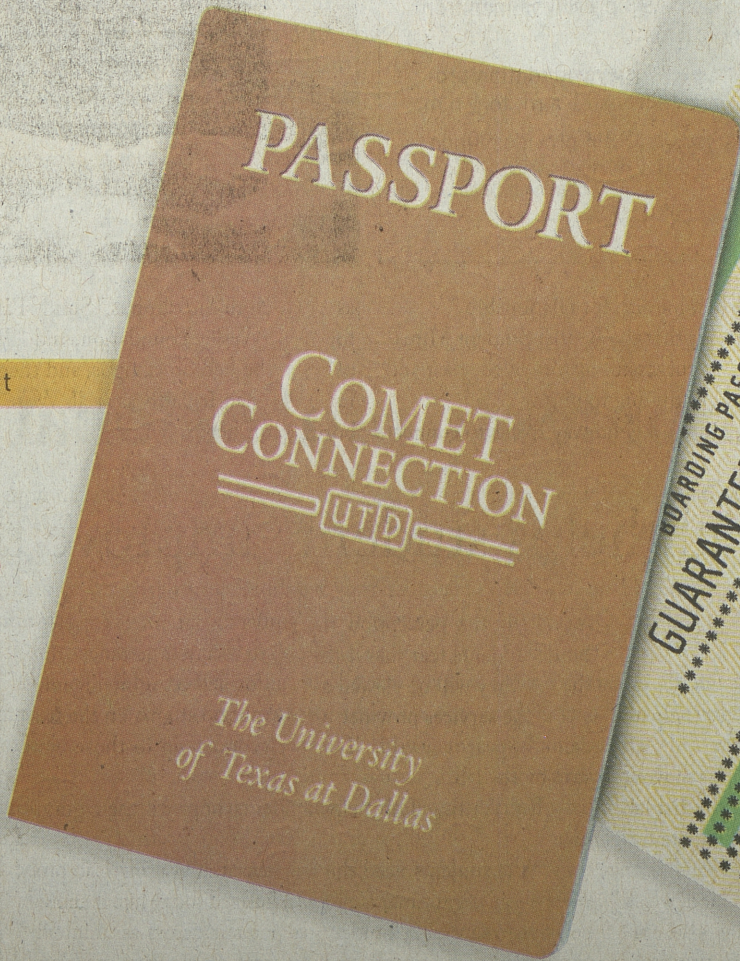
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Season Preview

Close-knit team ready for challenge

VOLLEYBALL

By Deja Rollins
Staff Writer

With nine freshmen, two transfers and three returning players, the Lady Apache volleyball team has set its goals high.

Dana Hatch, who is on her 15th season as head coach, and Assistant Coach Andrea Parker, who is working on her second, are both ready to "take care of business" this season.

The Lady Apaches are up early every day at 6:30 a.m. to prepare for their 7 a.m. practice in the Wagstaff Gymnasium. Practice consists of "passing, hitting, setting, blocking and service receive drills," said 16 year-old freshman setter Darya Dziatechuk.

The ladies look forward to practice despite how early it may be.

"It's like a family reunion every morning," Dziatechuk said in her strong Belarusian accent.

The players are very close on and

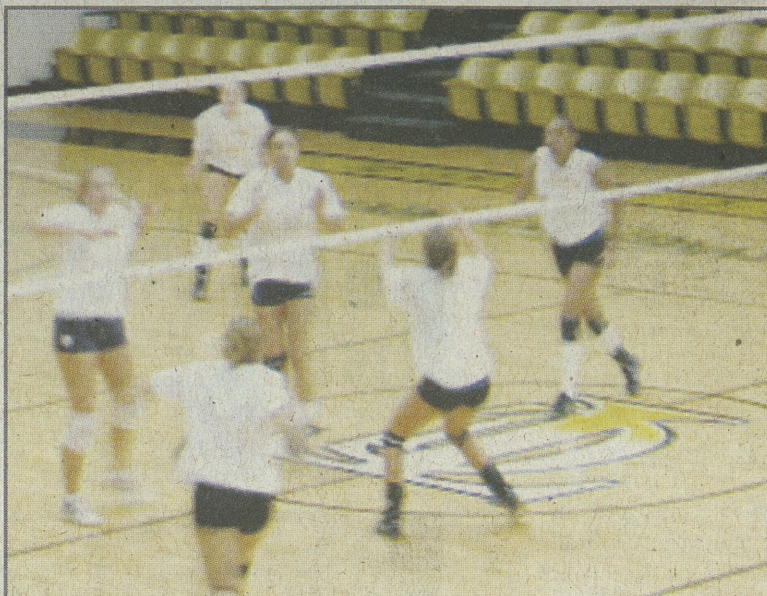


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BUMP, SET, SPIKE The TJC Women's Volleyball team takes the court to practice for an upcoming game.

off the court, and Dziatechuk thinks that unity is displayed in game situations when it matters the most. The

team bonding nights before school

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Photo by Clinton Loveless

TEAMWORK The second-year TJC women's soccer team is currently ranked #9 in the nation.

Soccer team sets high goals against tough competition

SOCCER

By Clinton Loveless
Staff writer

Off to a winning start, the first-ranked TJC Apaches men's soccer team is hoping to continue their streak into district and regional tournaments later this fall.

Twelve sophomores including six starters returned from last year's team. TJC's head coach Steve Clements is confident they will provide the leadership and experience needed to help the 15 freshmen joining this year's squad transition to the collegiate level.

"I expect my sophomores to collectively lead this team, helping the younger guys adjust and adapt to our style of play," Clements said. "The first year is the hardest for these young players, especially for the players coming from overseas. It takes a while for them to adjust to the heat, way of life, and our training at this level. About their sophomore year is when they really get settled in."

The Apaches have a melting pot of players this season, coming from seven states, six different countries, three continents, as well as a local graduate from Robert E. Lee High School. Assistant Coach Chris Handy believes that the foreign players will have a big impact on this year's team.

"Obviously they are a big influence as well as a positive one. They bring a lot of knowledge of the game over - that other players can learn from," Handy said.

Coach Handy believes one of the biggest challenges for this year's team, is filling in the holes in the backfield after losing several defensive starters. He expects Juan Robles to be a fixture at goalie with Shaunovan Wilson and Donahue Malvo leading the back line. In the midfield, sophomore Kareem Frietas will be the key in the middle with Harry Machacha, Andy Brooks, and Cordero Young working the wings. Up front, Sophomores Kenny Mena and Robin Brown, are expected to be the main targets. But Handy also said to watch out for a few transfers and freshmen to get in the lineup and mix things up. Brenton Griffiths, Kyle Nicholls, Dom Dwyer, Angelo Jack, and Dan Martens have all shown the ability to contribute to the team.

The Apaches have many expectations for this year. Just like every team before them, their goal is to be the best in the nation and win a national championship. But before those goals are achieved, Handy feels they still have a ways to go and a lot of work to do.

"We have to achieve other goals in order for us to get there."

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In spite of young roster, players think chemistry will result in wins

FOOTBALL

By Erica Smith
Sports Editor

The Tyler Junior College football team is gearing up for another season, but without many returning starters and a young team they will have their work cut out for them.

After ending the 2008-2009 season one win over .500 (5-4) the team is hoping to improve that record by making a decent playoff run and possibly ending the year at a junior college bowl game.

Returning linebacker Roger Trammell said that the team is ready and has much potential.

"Our team is young and very talented," he said. "We get along pretty well and have great team chemistry."

The defense has six returning players, which means there are a lot of new faces.

"We have tons of playmakers," Trammell said, "Our defense resembles that of TCU's defense. They had one of the most solid defenses and caused a lot of turnovers last season."

Offensively, the team is ready to put up points. Coach Danny Palmer said he's always wanted to throw the football, meaning he's always wanted to be more of a passing team, but hasn't been able to due to lack of depth in the receiving position.

Now that the team has more than enough receivers, this could be the season where they get to throw the ball more. The team has different quarterbacks for different things. Michael Cook, the starting quarterback as of now, is more of a passing QB. He will be sharing time with another quarterback, Vincent McNeil. McNeil is more of a rush or running QB.

Don Brown, a returning TJC running back, has been seeing a lot of playing time. In one of the first games he had two touchdowns and over 100 rushing yards. The passing game is helping his game out as well.

"I don't mind the pass game," he said. "It definitely opens up the run a little bit for me."

The offense would not be as good and confident as they are without the help of the offensive line. The "O-Line" has a big challenge ahead of them being that a lot of them are not as experienced as some of the returning players.

"The line is young, but they work hard and are ready to face the challenges of the season," said Brown.

The team is also looking forward to working with the few players that have transferred to join TJC's young team. They are hoping that with good team chemistry, they can tackle the more difficult teams like the game that is coming up on Oct. 3 against Blinn College.

"That game should be tough,"

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Photo by Kyerra Polk

CHEMISTRY TJC wide receiver, Jabroski Smiley practices with his teammates.

Early start contributes to professional athlete success later

TENNIS

By Darius Nicholson
Staff Writer

When parents think about a sport to sign their children up to play, they probably think of Little League soccer or T-ball, but few may consider tennis.

But experts say the earlier a child is exposed to the game, the greater success they might have in

the long run. Now days, players are turning pro before they can legally vote. New American tennis sensation Melanie Oudin made it to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open at the age of 17.

"The earlier they start the better," said Tennis Head Coach John Peterson. "The kids who start playing later in life are at a handicap compared to the kids who have been playing for a longer time."

It is not a coincidence that every

single player on the men's ATP tour started playing before the age of 6. If someone started playing when they were 10, they would be considered a latecomer to the game.

In football, a player who has never played the game before high school could still have a good chance of making it to the professional level. The casual tennis player starts playing tennis their first years of high school, but the likelihood of them achieving professional status is slim

to none.

"Starting early is important. It takes about five years to make a player and takes about 10 years to make a champion," said Peterson.

"I have been playing since I was 4, and playing experience will separate you from someone with the same skill level," said sophomore tennis player Jon Devouse.

Starting tennis at a young age has its risk along with rewards. There can be serious pressure put on young

tennis players that could cause the player to burnout. Burnout can happen when they suffer physical, mental and emotional strain, and could cause a player to never touch a racket again.

"In tennis, you only rely on you. If you make a mistake in tennis, you are the only person responsible. To prevent a player from burning out, you can enroll them into team sports."

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sportsCALENDAR

Upcoming TJC athletics

Football: Sept. 19, 7 p.m. vs Cisco Junior College; Sept. 24, 7 p.m. vs Navarro College
Volleyball: Sept. 28, 6 p.m. @ Paris Junior College; Oct. 1, 6 p.m. @ Navarro College
Men's/Women's Soccer: Sept. 19 (M), 7 p.m. vs Richland College; Sept. 25 (M/W), 4:30 p.m. vs Western Texas College; Sept. 26 (M/W), 3 p.m. vs Meridian Community College
Men's/Women's Tennis: Sept. 25-26 ITA Fall Regional in Laredo





Photo by Darius Nicholson

FOCUS Sophomore tennis player Jon Devouse focuses while lining up to return the ball over the net.

FOOTBALL

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Trammell said "they beat the number one ranked team, Butler, last week."

The game against Blinn is at home at 3 p.m. so the team will have their home crowd behind them cheering them on. All home games are played at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. Coach Palmer is looking forward to getting their successful season underway.

"I'm as excited about this football team as I ever have been about any of my years coaching," Palmer said.



Photo by Kyerra Polk

HIKE! Players set up on the line of scrimmage to practice their offensive and defensive skills.

V-BALL

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started may have also played a role in the team's unity, not to mention each player shares a dorm room with a fellow teammate.

The Lady Apaches went bowling, played putt-putt and tie-dyed team shirts to take a break from volleyball and enjoy one another's company.

"Unity and communication is everything whether we are in a game or in our dorms, because we are constantly around one another doing what we love to do," Dziatchuk said.

Last year the team had a record of 15 wins and 16 losses, "they won't let that stop them from being number one," Parker said.

This season is already looking better than the last

one.

"We are better in every position," Parker said.

She also said that there is more depth on the bench, which allows the coaches to have a variety of player options on the court.

TJC Head Athletic Director Tim Drain agreed.

"The team is much faster and the girls seem very passionate about the game," Drain said. Dr. Drain supervises 11 sports and approximately 270 athletes that attend TJC, and of them all, he believes volleyball is one of those sports that is non-stop action.

"If you come to a game, you'll be hooked," Drain said.

Ranking No. 22 nationally last season, the Lady Apaches opened their 2009

preseason hosting a five-team tournament in Wagstaff Gymnasium. The visiting teams were Wharton County Junior College, North Central Texas College, Panola College and Galveston College.

With success over NCTC and Galveston College and one defeat from Wharton College, the ladies finished the TJC Invitational with three wins and one loss toward their record.

The ladies are expected to play their next few games in the Galveston College Invitational Sept. 18 and 19.



Photo by Ben Robertson

HUSTLE A TJC men's soccer player hustles after a ball during practice.

SOCCER

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From a game-to-game point of view," said Handy. "We always want to keep a shut out. We want to finish first in our region with the reward being the ability to host the region tourney, win the region tourney, then the district tourney, and finally the national tourney."

Coach Clements feels like the Region 14 competition seems to be stronger than ever with San Jacinto and Lon Morris both looking to have strong seasons but feels like the Apaches will be contenders.

The Apaches will take on Richland College Sept. 19 as well as Western Texas College on the Sept. 25.

TENNIS

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In team sports, the responsibility is on the group, and not all on the individual," said Coach Peterson.

Tennis on the outside looks like a simple enough sport, but there is a lot of work put in to becoming a good player. With players trading traditional public and private school for home school, home schooling seems like a trend that will only continue to grow along with the competition.

Most of the men on the Apache Tennis Team have been playing since a young age.

Many of the well-known names in tennis today began playing at a young age as well.

Star player Andy Roddick began playing when he was seven years old and became pro at 17. He is now known for his blazing serves and his countless championship wins. Six-time Wimbledon winner, Roger Federer started playing when he was six and like Andy turned pro when he was 17. Getting an early start in this sport has helped them, as well as many others become the title winning, serve crushing players that they are today.

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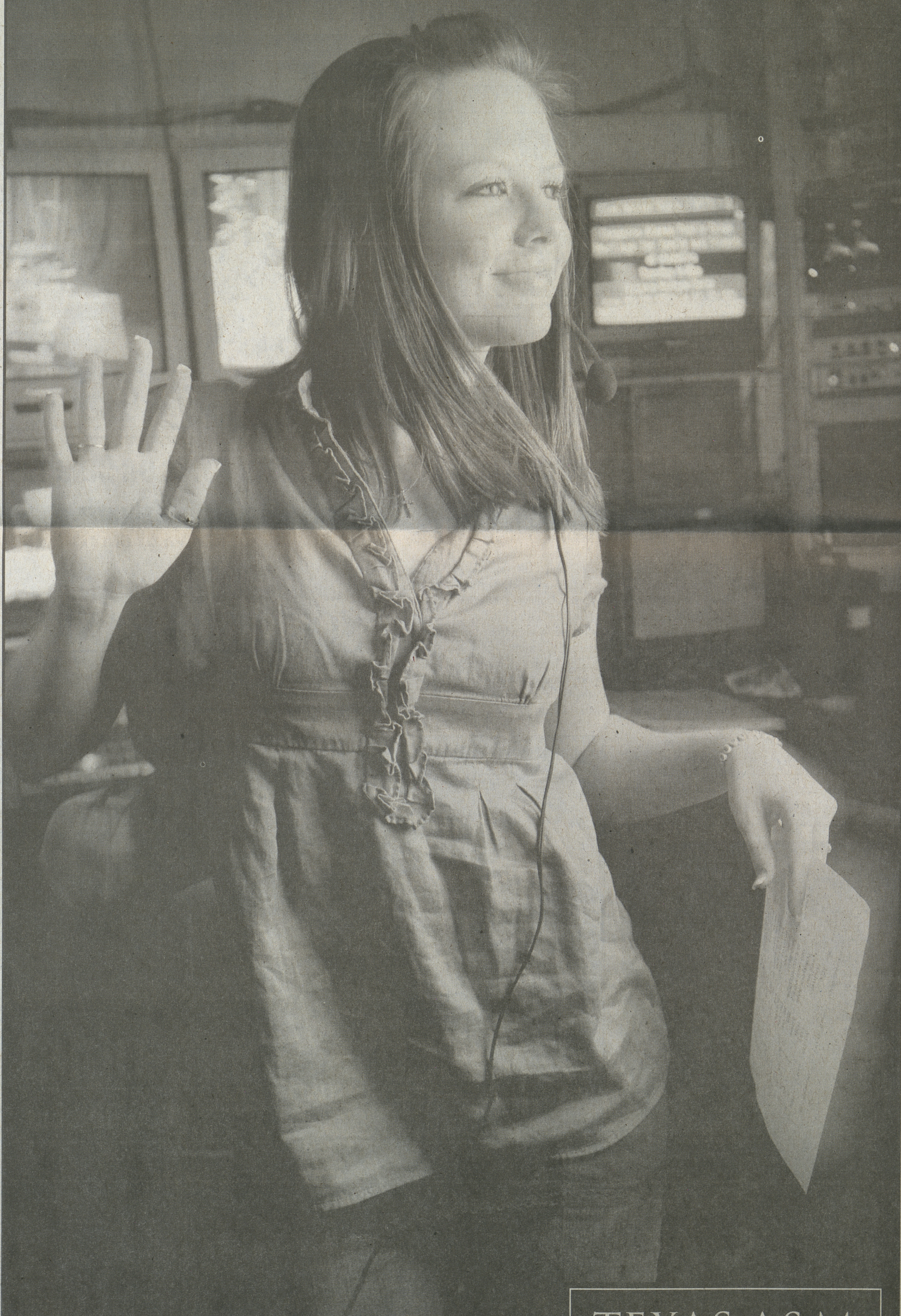
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first time a fund strictly for maintenance has been established at TJC and will be instated from now on.

"The reason for Dr. Metke recommending this College Preservation Fund and using the tax funds to create it, is because he's been here about a year and a half and he's realized that over the last several months that we have several infrastructure needs," Fred Peters, director of marketing and public information said. "And it's not that anyone did anything wrong over the years. We just kept using the old air handlers way beyond their life expectancy. We kept using the chilled water loops and hot water loops way beyond their life expectancy, and instead of someone telling us years ago 'you know we really need to replace those.' It's come to the point now where some of these things are really beginning to fail."

Foundation problems have caused large cracks in the walls. One Science teacher in Genecov even went so far as to make a science project out of the movement of the wall located in his classroom.

"When we saw the gap we were just curious if it was continuing to move out or if it was stable. It doesn't seem to be growing rapidly but it is expanding," Howard E. "Gene" Branum, director of physics and engineering said.

This is Branum's 41st year teaching at TJC, and he first noticed the gap about three years ago. Branum said that the students are unaware of the gap and the failing infrastructure around them.

"The engineers have told us that the gap poses no immediate problem," Branum said. "As far as our building is concerned with the air handlers, the temperatures in this part of the building are not easily adjusted. Often times the temperature here during the summer might be 76 or 78 degrees. When you have 30 students in a classroom, it makes things very uncomfortable."

The College Preservation Fund is broken into two parts. Phase One Critical Infrastructure Needs will address two decades of declining state of Texas appropriation for community colleges and limited funds for maintenance and renovation due to rising enrollment and instructional costs.

Phase Two includes plans for a new nursing & health professions facility. Inside of Phase One is the establishment of the Maintenance Tax Note.

"The analogy is simply riding in a used car, and your tire blows out. You have to fix the tire before you can get back on the road, and this note will allow us the necessary funding for new and expanded facilities," Russell said.

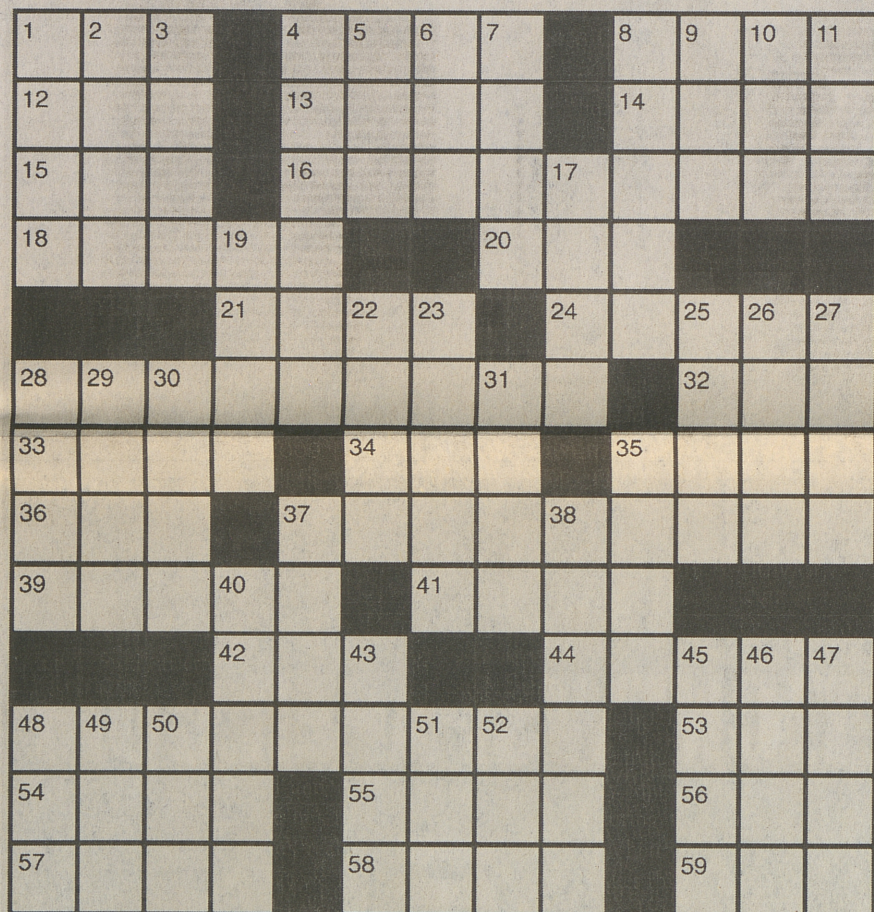
Russell also said that the Maintenance Tax Note's life expectancy is 10 years and will be financed through bonds. Once taxpayers finish paying the bond off their taxes will lower.

"Taxpayers should see the increase when they pay their taxes in the spring of 2010," Russell said.

The Board of Trustees meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be held Sept. 24.

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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September 18

ART FACULTY EXHIBITION

Thru October 8 in Wise

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. -

4p.m.

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BELLE BABES

8 a.m. - all day in the

HPE Center

FOOTBALL

7 p.m. Home Game vs.

Cisco Junior College

October 5

VOLLEYBALL

6 p.m. Home Game

vs. Panola College

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TJC JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

7:30 p.m. in Wise

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WOMENS SOCCER

5 p.m. Home game vs.

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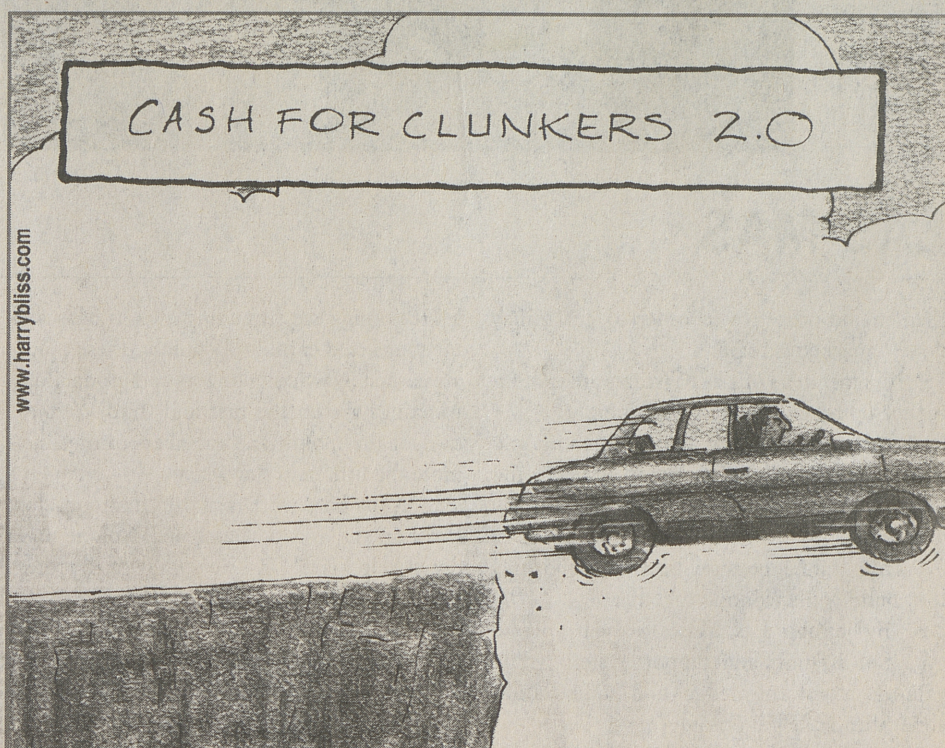
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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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“In the next five years, I want to be looking for a teaching job. I hope to have that job in the next 10.”

French said his family and teachers have been considerate and encouraging of him and his aspirations.

“My family is very supportive, and my old man used to paint when he was younger,” he said. “And the teachers here like to push you into doing better. They enjoy seeing their students accomplish their goals and achievements.”

French said the environment of the art studio provides a lot of positive energy for him.

“I like to paint wherever I am at, but in the studio, I can ask for advice and take advantage of the time especially during the summer,” he said. “I have even developed a few friendly

rivalries which is a good thing because we feed off of each other.”

For other students who want to create art, Stewart said that they should do what French did and make a lot of it.

“You can’t just have one precious thing,” he said. “You have to use all colors and all materials and dive in and do it. Have a lot of fun and make ugly stuff because in my opinion, art isn’t art until someone else sees it.”

French advises aspiring artists to have a style to survive in an art world.

“People always get confused when they hear the phrase starving artist,” French said. “A starving artist is someone who is starving and craving to make art and they can’t survive without making it. An artist’s style can change over the years, and I hope to be 60 to 70 years old still painting.”

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JOSEPH FRENCH: Right, Some of the minimalist abstract art pieces painted by Jospheh French are displayed in Jenkins Hall.



LAS MAS

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them to be proactive in order to get things done,” Shackelford said.

The members of Las Mascaras are split up for each production into seven or eight

crews. Each crew has a different role that ranges from building sets to acting in the plays. These crews become each other’s families away

from home because of the friendships they build while working together.

“By joining Las Mascaras, you will be a part of a family and support system, while gaining more knowledge and appreciation about theater,” Philpot said.

Luckily for all students who are interested in joining, there is no deadline to become a member and participate. Anyone can jump in and help at anytime they decide to become a member. Members are asked to meet a few basic requirements in order to keep a status of active membership. These requirements include

a \$10 joining fee, attending all Las Mascaras meetings, and earning 75 points. These points are earned by working on sets and productions. Meetings are on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and members cannot miss more than three to stay active.

“Most crew work is in the afternoons. Just show up and ask to be assigned. No one turns down help here,” Dr. David Crawford, professor of Speech and Theater, said.

This year marks the 83rd year of Las Mascaras, making it the oldest student organization at Tyler Junior College. It was founded by French and Spanish Instructor Mildred Howell the same year TJC opened. This semester, Las Mascaras is excited to be assisting with the production of Henry V, Moonlight Serenade, and a small second stage production.

For more information on joining Las Mascaras contact David Crawford at 903-510-2678, or Stormy Philpot at 903-926-8706.



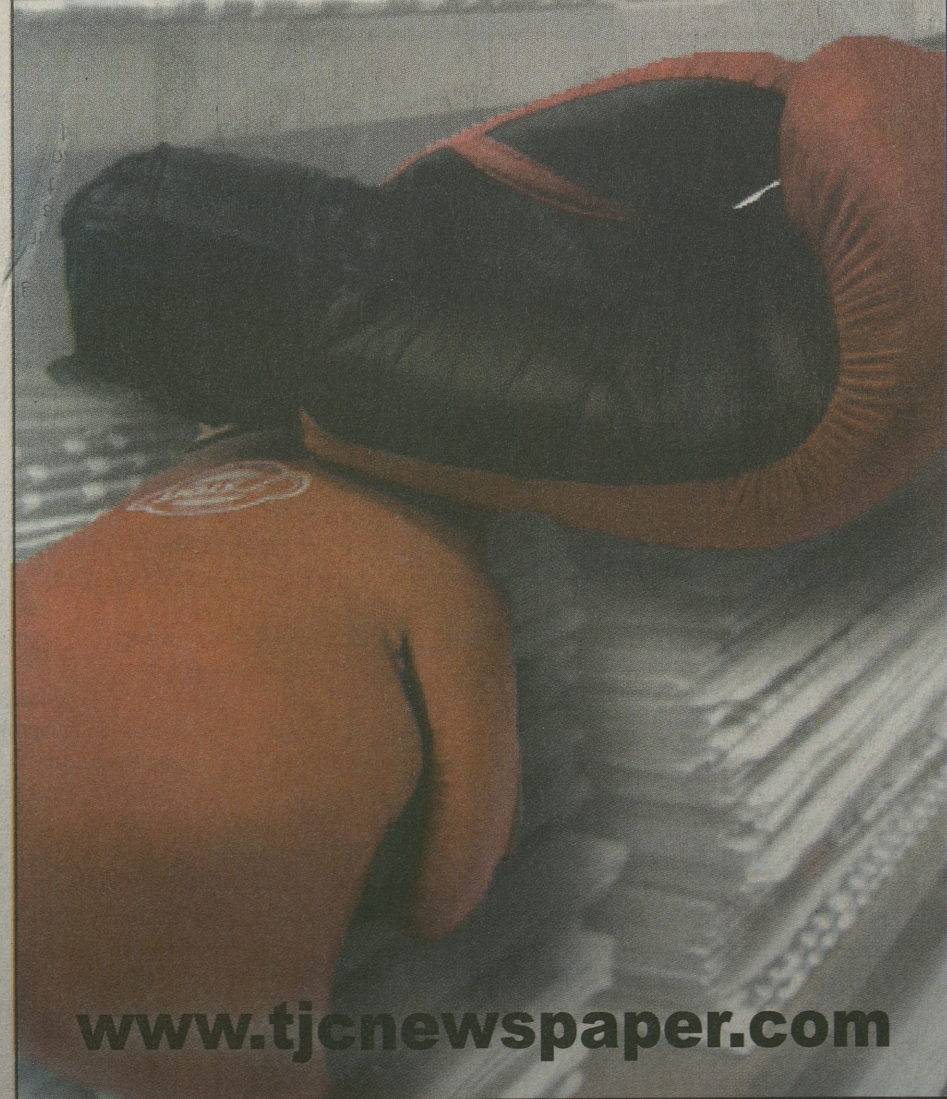
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LAS MAS:

Left, Connie Gray and Nichole Lydia sand away at wooden rods for the set of Henry V. Right, Josh Eguia begins tracing designs on to a shield that actors will be using in Henry V.

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